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Washington 25, D. C.

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I won't burden you here with further details, but if you are interested in learning more about the state of the art of machine translation, I should be happy to have my senior staff officers responsible for the subject call on you.

We have been in touch with Mr. Small of Senator Kuchel's office in line with your suggestion.

Sincerely,

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Director

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